



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1048

LCO No. 3810

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) The Commissioners of
2 Public Health and Social Services and the Comptroller shall develop a
3 plan to (1) implement and maintain a prescription drug purchasing
4 program and procedures to aggregate or negotiate the purchase of
5 pharmaceuticals for pharmaceutical programs benefiting Medicaid,
6 state-administered general assistance, HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B,
7 Charter Oak Health Plan and ConnPACE recipients, inmates of the
8 Department of Correction, and persons eligible for coverage under the
9 group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plans
10 procured under section 5-259 of the general statutes, and (2) have the
11 state join an existing multistate pharmaceutical purchasing pool. Such
12 plan shall determine the feasibility of subjecting some or all of the
13 component programs set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection to
14 the preferred drug lists adopted pursuant to section 17b-274d of the
15 general statutes.

16 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the

17 Commissioner of Public Health and the Comptroller, shall submit the
18 plan authorized by subsection (a) of this section, including (1) a
19 timetable for its implementation, (2) anticipated costs or savings
20 resulting from its implementation and maintenance, (3) a timetable for
21 achievement of any such savings, and (4) proposed legislative
22 recommendations necessary to implement such plan to the joint
23 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
24 matters relating to public health, human services and appropriations
25 and the budgets of state agencies, not later than December 31, 2009, in
26 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2009	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To lower the state's prescription costs for certain state-sponsored prescription drug programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]